**Department of Buddhist Studies**

**University of Delhi**

# NOTICE

## PhD Phase-II Admissions, 2023-24

Dated: 27 December 2023

**Eligibility under Phase - II of PhD Admission:**

All candidates who had not applied for Phase I and are eligible (Including M. Phil qualified candidates and candidates who have qualified Ph.D. Entrance Test 2023-24) may apply in Phase II. Candidate who had already registered in Phase II and have updated their proposal in Phase II. Only the candidates who have applied afresh/updated their proposal shall be considered in Phase II.

**Research Proposal and Document:**

All candidates who have applied for the PhD Program on the portal under Phase-II **must send soft copies** [.pdf/.doc/.docx format] of their research proposals, copy of the online application for PhD Admissions Phase-II, 2023-24, and other relevant documents (qualifications, caste/category specific certificates, document indicating exemption from entrance, etc.) **by Friday, 05 January 2024 to the Email ID : exam@buddhist.du.ac.in**

Those candidates selected for admission, who have not done research methodology course, will be required to do the required course work in research methods and other courses that the Department may consider necessary.

**Note:**

1. It is **compulsory to send their following documents to the email: exam@buddhist.du.ac.in. before Friday, 05 January 2024, 05:00 pm**. Any candidate who has applied through portal but fails to fill this form will not be called for interviews.
    a. Application Form
    b. Ph.D. entrance Test Result
    c. Category Certificate recently EWS/OBC etc.
2. Candidates are **required** to submit the hard copy of their proposals/applications/documents.
3. **Proposal for PhD Program must follow the attached guidelines.**
4. Proposals submitted in Hindi must be in **Unicode** Font only.
5. **The interviews shall be conducted in physical mode, tentatively beginning from 09 January 2024 at 11:00 am to onwards.**

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## Indicative Guidelines for Research Proposal

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## Components of the Proposal:

The research proposal needs to include the following components, preferably in the order listed here:

### 1. Introduction/background

'What', 'Why' and 'How' of your research.

§ What do you want to study/problematize/look at/examine?

§ Why are you interested in the topic of your choice? What is the relevance of your study? What is the value addition that you seek to provide?

§ How do you plan to examine the topic: stating your methodology and strategy.

### 2. Review of the literature and identification of literature gap

This would form the bulk of proposal. Please do not write a bibliographical essay. You need to review the existing literature and connect different scholarly works/other sources that make them relevant to your research question. Situate your arguments in and around the existing works. A thematic review is advisable. Cite all sources that you include even indirectly in your paper. Follow in-text citations and mention the last name of Author with Year in parentheses. Eg. (Sarkar, 1919)

Avoid footnotes and stick to in-text citation.

### 3. Definition, Rationale and Scope of the study

Define the study, provide working definition of key terms

Provide rationale/justification, identify gap and state the value addition

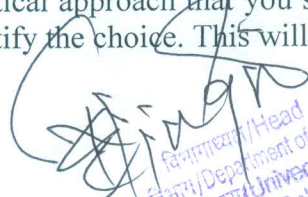State the limitations – what the research is not able to do

### 4. Research Question and Hypothesis
- Statement of Research Problem
- Central Question
- Related Questions

There has to be one (or more) clear research questions and corresponding hypothesis (hypotheses). Your hypothesis is the tentative answer to your research question.

### 5. Research Methodology

Stating your methodology and strategy in detail. This can include your theoretical framework, and the type of source you want to consult. You can mention about the qualitative/ quantitative/narrative/theoretical approach that you seek to follow and explain it. If you plan to use case study/studies, justify the choice. This will depend on the work.

## 6. Tentative Chaptering

Mention the headings of tentative chapters with a brief description of the content of each chapter.

## 7. Bibliography

## Text style:

The main text should be in Times New Roman, Font size 12, 1.5 spacing, default black font. Page margins should be 1.5 inch (3.81 cm) on right and 1 inch (2.54 cm) on all other sides. Direct quotations should be single spaced, left indented and double quoted. Sub-headings should be **bold** and level 2 subheadings should *italicised*.

Proposal has to be typed and not handwritten.

For Hindi proposals, use Mangal (or any Unicode) font.

## Word Range:

3500 - 7000 words.

## About plagiarism:

Plagiarism/similarity over 18% will invite penalty. Plagiarism implies using others' arguments without acknowledging the same. You need to use in-text citation in your paper even if you use others' arguments indirectly or paraphrase those arguments. In case of doubt, it is better to over cite.

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